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The following is the Order of Battle of the Fifth Army, also known as the Ninth Army, as in May 1950.

1. Fifth Army Headquarters - Skoplje

a. Personalities:

Commanding General	:	It. Gen. Vaso Jovanovic
Deputy Commander	:	Major Gen. Ratko Sofijanac
Chief of Staff	:	Major Gen. Vojislav Gojkovic
Political Commissar	:	Major Gen. Ratko Tanaskovic
Known Staff Officers	:	Major Gen. Drago Lovric Colonel Drago Djakovic

2. The following units and formations are under the Fifth Army:

a. Cavalry Regiment

Headquarters - Skoplje. Elements of the regiment are stationed at Vranje and Kumanovo.

b. Motorized Artillery Regiment

Headquarters - Pristina
Commanding Officer - Major Rato Kalaba

c. Anti-Tank Regiment

Headquarters - Stip

d. Signals Regiment

Headquarters - Skoplje

e. Engineering Regiment

Headquarters - Demir Kapija
Commanding Officer - Major Kapilovic

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The regiment is at present temporarily attached to the new Engineering Training Center at Pozarevac.

f. Tank Regiment

Headquarters - Bitolj

g. Army Hospital - Skoplje. The hospital is equipped with 4,500 beds.

h. 3 Military Area (3 Vojna Oblast). This area, with headquarters at Skoplje, is also known as VII Vojna Oblast, and controls the following:

- 1) 5 Army Anti-Aircraft Zone. Headquarters at Skoplje.
- 2) 5 Anti-Aircraft Regiment. Regimental Headquarters at Skoplje. One group, presumably a battery, is stationed at Stip. Operationally, this regiment is subordinate to 4 Anti-Aircraft Division.
- 3) Garrison Headquarters (Town Major)

Commanding Officer: Colonel Tanaskovic.

3. Divisions under the command of the Fifth Army are as follows:

a. 2 Infantry Division (formerly 2 Srbska Prolet. Divizija).

Main Headquarters - Leskovac (formerly at Bitolj)

Rear Headquarters - Kosovska Mitrovica

Personalities: Commanding Officer: Colonel Vinko Urosevic

Chief of Staff : Major Slavko Vodusek

Political Commissar: Major Zvonko Bradic

1) 125 Infantry Regiment (formerly 2 Srbska Prolet Brigada).

Headquarters - Kosovska Mitrovica

Personalities: Commanding Officer : Major Nikola Ribnikar

Chief of Staff : Captain Pero Stojcevic

Political Commissar: Captain Dimitriji Vrcan

2) 42 Infantry Regiment (formerly 3 Srbska Prolet. Brigada).

Headquarters - Pec

Personalities: Commanding Officer : Major Drago Vijerac

Chief of Staff : Captain Stojan Zakula

Political Commissar: Captain Ratko Zablje

3) 100 Infantry Regiment (formerly 4 Crnogorska Prolet. Brigada).

Headquarters - Pristina

Personalities: Commanding Officer : Major Stane Torkar

Chief of Staff : Major Jusejn Kadija

Political Commissar: Captain Stojan Milojkovic

4) Artillery Regiment

Headquarters - Kosovska Mitrovica

Commanding Officer: Major Marjan Mitic

b. 3 Infantry Division (formerly 3 Crnogorska Divizija).

Divisional Headquarters - Prilep (formerly at Bitolj)

Personalities: Commanding Officer ; Colonel Dusan Vrnice

Chief of Staff : Major Niko Atanaskovic

Political Commissar: Major Vaso Rajkovic

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1) 1 Infantry Regiment (formerly 5 Crnogorska Brigada)

Headquarters - Prilep

Personalities: Commanding Officer : Captain Jure Vlah
Chief of Staff : Captain Bosko Vasic
Political Commissar: Captain Zvonko Karlovic

2) 2 Infantry Regiment (formerly 7 Proleterska Brigada)

Headquarters - Krusevo

Personalities: Commanding Officer : Lt. Col. Janko Vuklin
Chief of Staff : Captain Dragisa Uzelac
Political Commissar: Captain Trajko Trajkovic

3) 3 Infantry Regiment (formerly II Crnogorska Brigada)

Headquarters - Negotin

Personalities: Commanding Officer : Lt. Col. Niko Grgin
Chief of Staff : Capt. Zvominin Slavac
Political Commissar: Captain Zekan Buric

4) 3 Artillery Regiment

Headquarters - Negotin

Personalities: Commanding Officer : Major Zarko Brusic
Chief of Staff : Captain Ivan Smerkollj
Political Commissar: Captain Savo Bjelic

c. 16 Infantry Division (formerly 16 Vojvodjanska Divizija)

Division Headquarters - Pristina

Commanding Officer: Colonel Dimitrije Mitrovic

1) 1 Infantry Regiment (formerly 1 Vojvodjanska Brigada)

Headquarters - Urosevac

Commanding Officer: Major Rudi Demlic

2) 56 Infantry Regiment (formerly 2 Vojvodjanska Brigada)

Headquarters - Pristina

Personalities: Commanding Officer : Major Ozren Roncic
Chief of Staff : Major Slavko Kecman
Commanding Officer
of 1 Battalion : Major Bozo Radosavljevic
Political Commissar
of 1 Battalion : Captain Milan Mitrovic

3) 4 Infantry Regiment (formerly 4 Vojvodjanska Brigada)

Headquarters - Djakovica

Commanding Officer: Major Luka Marinic

4) 16 Artillery Regiment

Headquarters - Pristina

d. 27 Infantry Division (formerly 16 Vojvodjanska Divizija)

Division Headquarters - The Division Headquarters is at present at Ohrid. The Division arrived at Ohrid from Banja Luka at the end of 1948, but some units returned to Banja Luka early in December 1949. A new division, 22 Infantry Division, moved to Banja Luka at the end of December 1949 and absorbed the units of 27 Infantry Division.

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Personalities: Commanding Officer : Col. Marjan Cvetkovic or
Col. Hranislav Djordjevic
Political Commissar: Major Dimic

- 1) 14 Infantry Regiment - Ohrid
 - 2) 16 Infantry Regiment - Struga
 - 3) 20 Infantry Regiment - Sv. Naum
 - 4) Artillery Regiment - Ohrid
- e. 41 Infantry Division (formerly 41 Crnogorska Udarne Divizija)

Division Headquarters - Kumanovo
Commanding Officer: Colonel Gavra Kovacevic

- 1) 6 Infantry Regiment (formerly 4 Crnogorska Brigada)

Headquarters - Kumanovo
Commanding Officer : Major Zdenko Vukovic

- 2) 8 Infantry Regiment (formerly 8 Crnogorska Brigada)

Headquarters - Skoplje
Commanding Officer: Major Bozidar Simovski

- 3) 12 Infantry Regiment

Headquarters - Vranje
Commanding Officer - Major Jakob Paharos

The 1 Battalion is stationed at Kriva Palanka.

- 4) Artillery Regiment

Headquarters - Kumanovo

- f. 48 Infantry Division (formerly 48 Makedonska Divizija)

Division Headquarters - Strumica
Commanding General: Major General Dragoljub Petrovic

- 1) 1 Infantry Regiment (formerly 1 Makedonska Brigada)

Headquarters - Demir Kapija
Commanding Officer: Major Mircev

- 2) 12 Infantry Regiment (formerly 12 Makedonska Brigada)

Headquarters - Djevdjelija
Commanding Officer: Major Glisa Ravnik

Battalions are stationed at Carevo Selo, Berovo and Pehcevo.

- 3) 14 Infantry Regiment (formerly 14 Srbska Brigada)

Headquarters - Strumica

Personalities: Commanding Officer : Major Mirko Goranov
Chief of Staff : Captain Slavko Merica
Political Commissar: Lt. Jordan Mojsovski

- a) Sub-units of 14 Infantry Regiment:

- 1 Battalion - Djevdjelija
- 2 Battalion - S. Negorci
- 3 Battalion - S. Negorci

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4) 48 Artillery Regiment

Headquarters - Strumica

Commanding Officer: Major Dmatar Gulevski

g. 52 Infantry Division (formerly 52 Kosovska Divizija)

Division Headquarters - Kicevo

Commanding Officer: Colonel Petar Brajovic

1) 1 Infantry Regiment (formerly 1 Kosovska Brigade)

Headquarters - Kicevo

Commanding Officer: Major Momcilo Balcic

2) 2 Infantry Regiment (formerly 2 Kosovska Brigada)

Headquarters - Debar

Commanding Officer: Major Ivo Tunic

3) 3 Infantry Regiment (formerly 3 Kosovska Brigada)

Headquarters - Gostivar

Commanding Officer: Major Djordje Osmanovic

4) Artillery Regiment

Headquarters - Gostivar

Commanding Officer: Major Zarko Bencic

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